

# Foundations of Pediatric Preparedness



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## Simulation

This workshop will help you increase frequency and accessibility of simulation training without the cost burden of commercially-available high fidelity simulation models. Simulation training can improve pediatric care and Pediatric Readiness but equipment prices are often restrictively high. Come learn how you can create/acquire your own low fidelity simulation equipment and integrate psychomotor skills training (including IV/IO, airway, & stopcocks for medications) for your agencies/institutions at a nominal cost.

## Critical Debriefing

Team debriefing after an episode of care can serve as a powerful educational and quality tool and lead to improved team effectiveness and patient outcomes. Debriefing after an event is recommended by the American Heart Association, Institute for Healthcare Improvement, and American Academy of Pediatrics. In this workshop, we will introduce debriefing, how to structure a debriefing session, and practice using a structured debriefing tool.

## Safe Handoffs: Preventing Medical Errors

Handoffs are potentially high risk events that can lead to medical errors. Using a standardized method for communicating during handoffs can help decrease these medical errors. In this workshop, we will review why structured handoffs are important, review and practice the MIST handoff tool and review a transfer checklist to help make transitions of care safer for patients and overall improve ED and EMS care.

## About This Forum

The New England Region is working together to be prepared for pediatric emergencies! There are an estimated 30 million annual emergency department visits by children under the age of 18 in the United States, and more than 80% of these patients present to a general emergency department or urgent care center for care. This forum aims to provide practical skills and easy-to-use tools to enhance pediatric preparedness in both the prehospital and emergency department settings. Additionally, the day will allow for meeting with others looking to improve pediatric care throughout the New England, hearing success stories of colleagues, and networking with participants and experts. Main highlights of the forum workshops include learning do-it-yourself simulation training of pediatric skills and procedures, leading and teaching debriefing in the clinical environment, and standardizing patient handoff between prehospital and emergency department providers to enhance care.